CHAPTER 69
THE RETURN OF KUNATO NORIO

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HEY! I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO IT!

ARE YOU TRYING GET YOURSELF KILLED?!

S-SORRY!

SFX: ROAR / RASP

SFX: RUMBLE

HOW'S IT GOING, TANIKAZE-SAN?

NO PROBLEMS.

THEN LET'S MOVE ON TO THE LEFT ARM.

THE TYPE-20 IS BEING BUILT RAPIDLY.
MEANWHILE, "THAT MAN" WHO REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED TO ACTION.

WHAT ABOUT A TYPE-18?

NO WAY! IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THERE AREN'T ANY TYPE-19'S LEFT IN SIDONIA.

OUR CURRENT FOCUS IS ON COMPLETING THE TYPE-20, AND IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE THE NEXT DELIVERY...

WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE EITHER...

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

IT SEEMS THAT A DISTINGUISHED NEW PILOT IS REQUESTING A TYPE-19.

UNTIL WE GET LESS BUSY.

WELL... FOR NOW HE'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE,

UNIT ALLOCATION

KUNATO NORIO

THE TRAINING IS OVER!

ALL THE UNITS, RETURN TO THE SHIP!

SFX: FWHOSHOOO

ROGER!

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SFX: WHIRR / ROAR

SFX: RASP

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG HERE?

GOOD WORK!

GOOD WORK!

SORRY, I WAS JUST WONDERING...

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I NEVER WOULD'VE IMAGINED I WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE REARGUARD.

I WORKED MYSELF TO DEATH TO GET A CHANCE AT CRUSHING THE GAUNA.

YAMA-NO...

I'M YAMANO TOUTARO. WE'RE IN THE SAME TEAM. GLAD TO MEET YOU.

OH, I HAVEN'T INTRO-DUCED MYSELF.

YAMANO EIKO WAS MY OLDER SISTER.

YES,

HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU THINK HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN?

I WAS JUST A KID WHEN SHE WAS KILLED IN THE WAR.

SO YOU'RE A PILOT TOO, HUH?

I KNOW. YOU'RE PRETTY FAMOUS.

I'M KUNATO. NICE TO MEET YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT... FOR ME IT'S LIKE IT HAPPENED QUITE RECENTLY...

I JUST WANT TO SEE MOZUKU ONCE, AND THEN I'LL LEAVE.

YOU NEED SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER.

I SAID NO.

KUNATO-KUN...

FINE. LET HIM IN.

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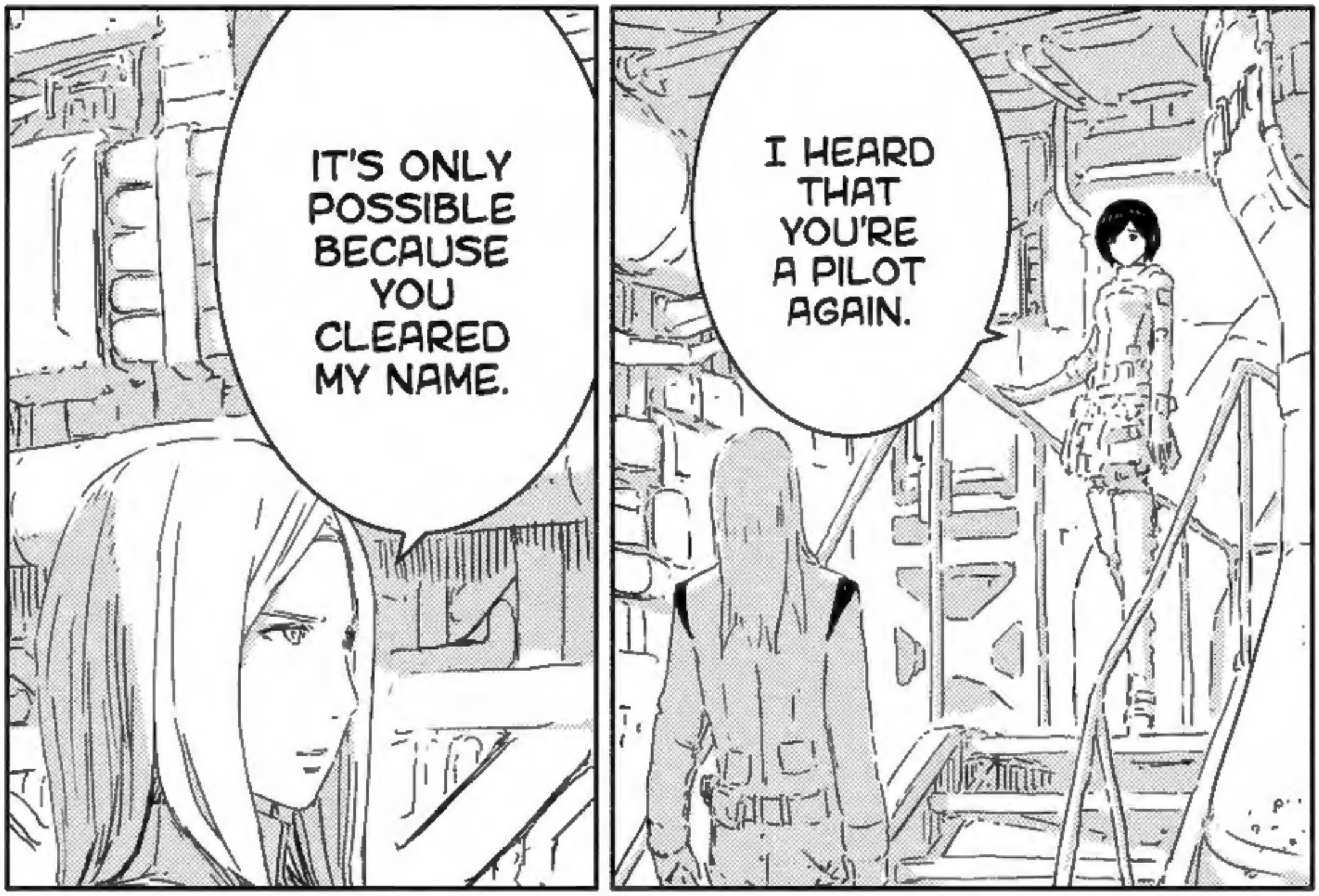
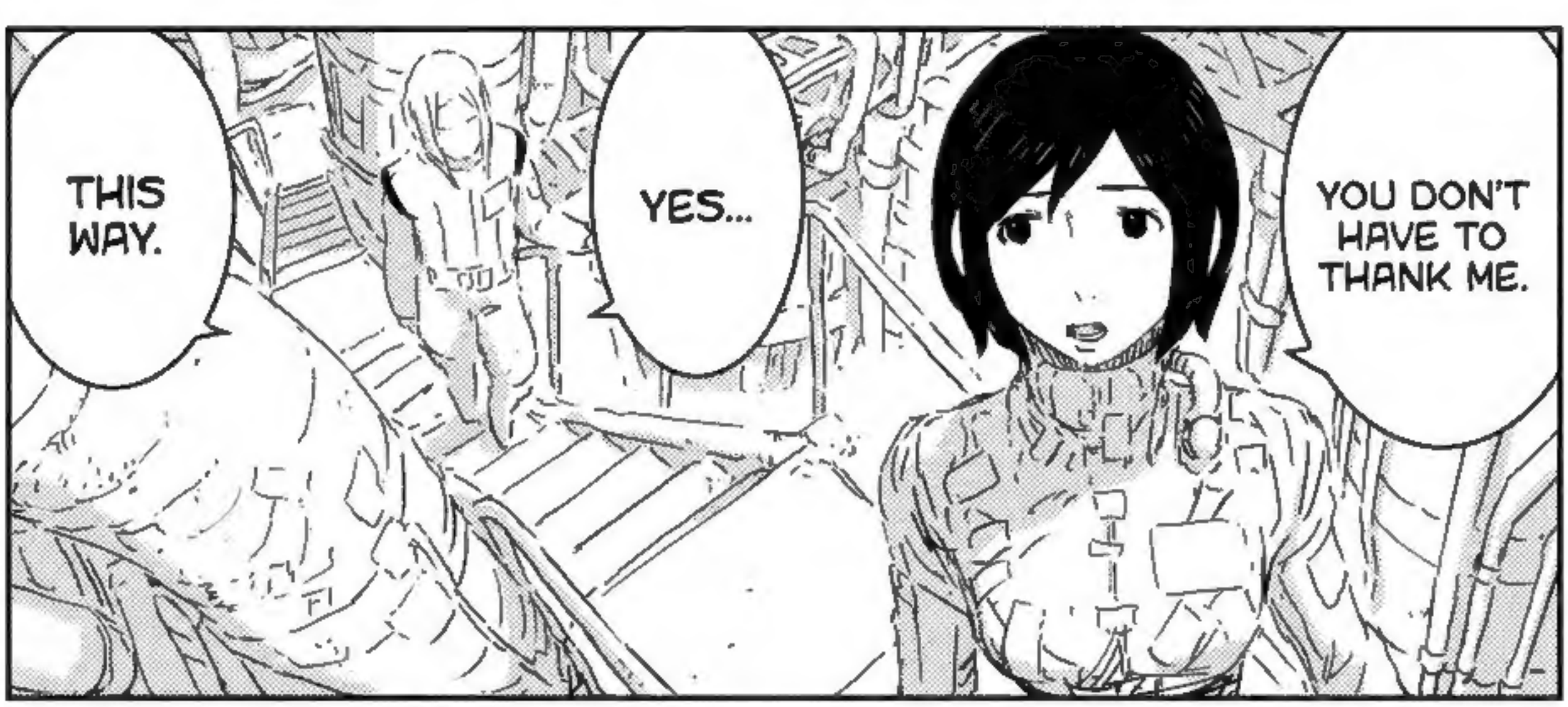
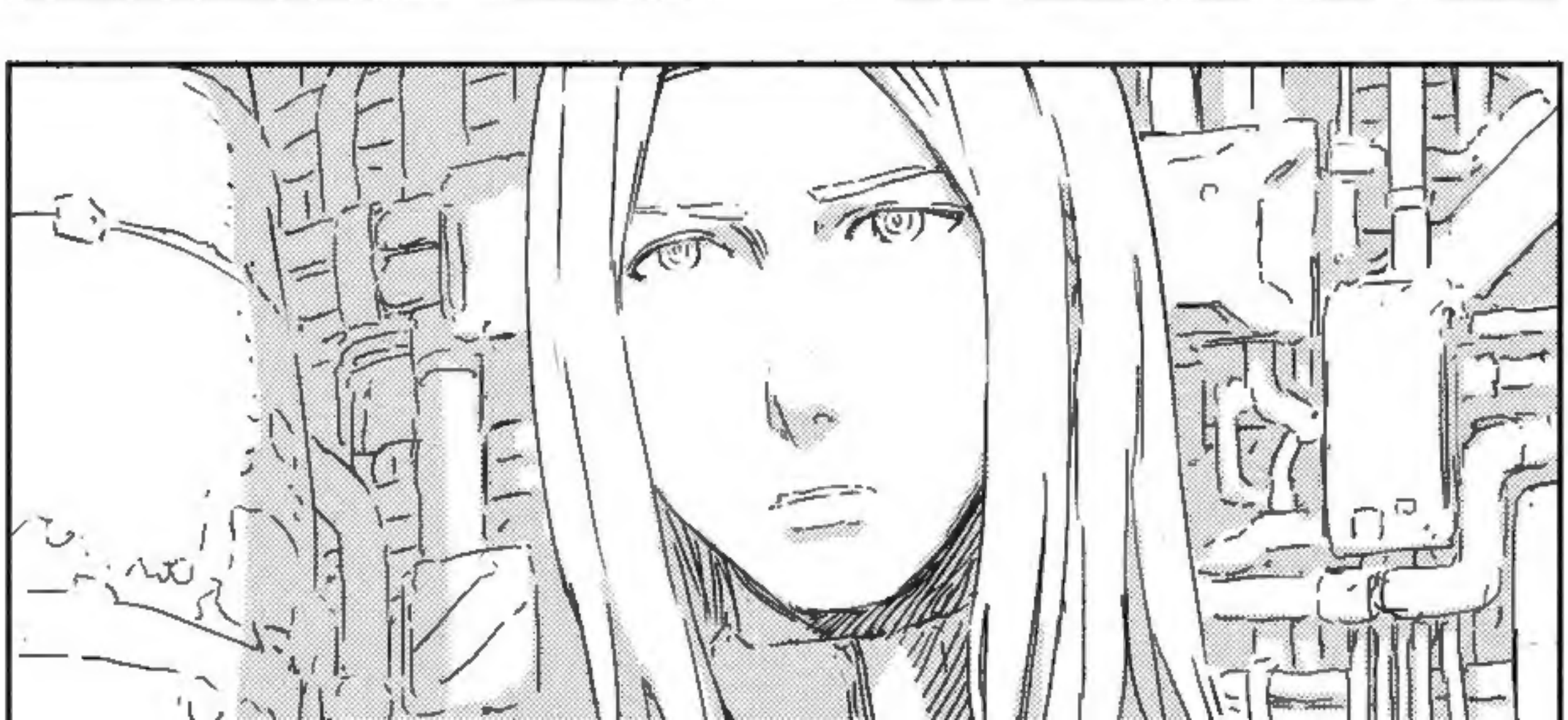
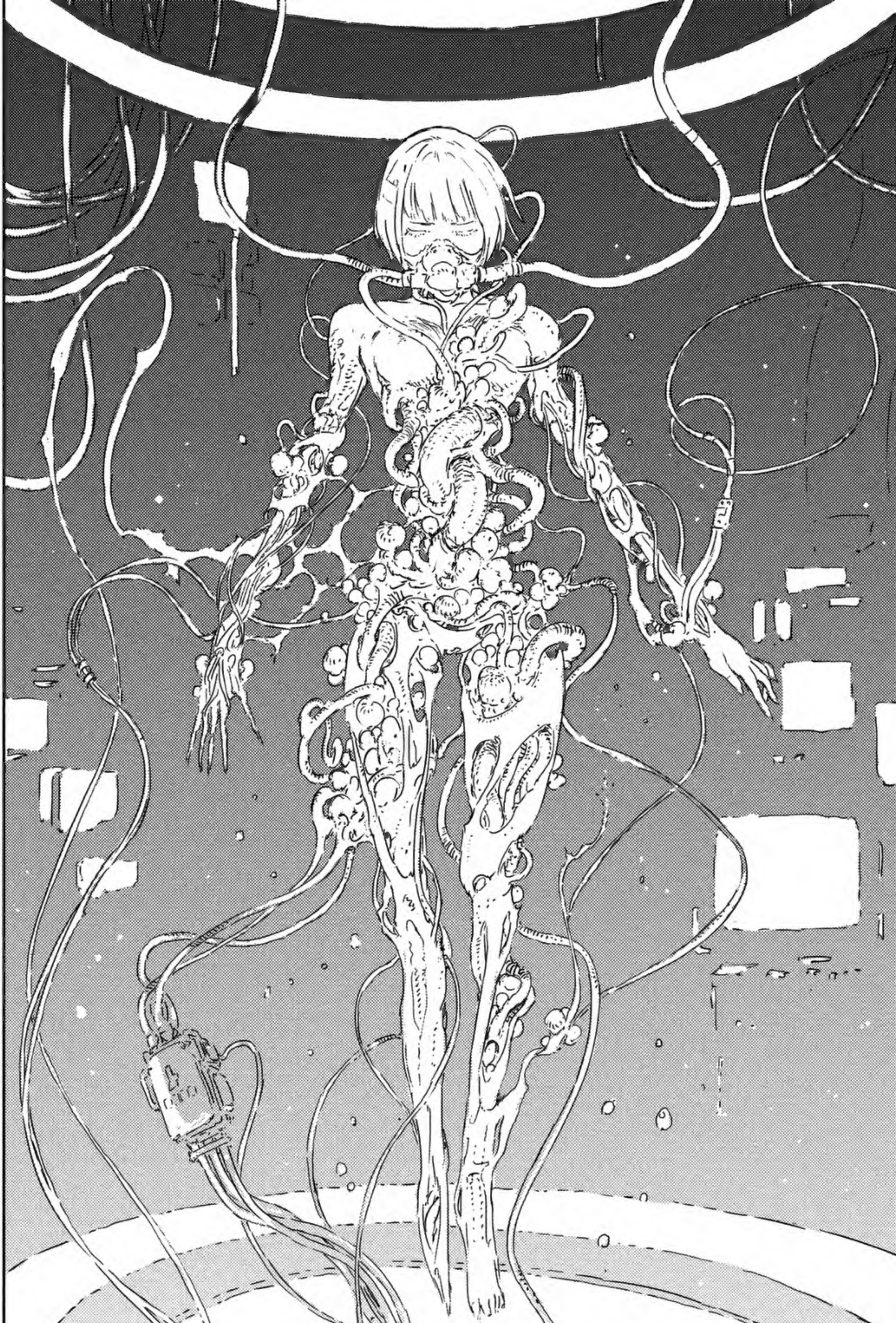

IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU CLEARED MY NAME.
I HEARD THAT YOU'RE A PILOT AGAIN.


THIS WAY.
YES...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME.





WILL SHE RETURN TO HOW SHE USED TO BE?

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF HER CONSCIOUSENSS OR MEMORY WE CAN RECOVER UNTIL WE TRY,

BUT HER BODY WILL BE REGENE-RATED COMPLE-TELY.

STILL... I HAVE TO MAKE THIS CLEAR.

WE AREN'T TREATING HER TO SAVE HER.

OUR OBJECTIVE IS FINDING OUT HOW OCHIAI TOOK OVER HER CONSCIO-USNESS.

YES... I UNDERSTAND.

BUT IT'S ME WHO UNSEALED OCHIAI'S LAB. MOZUKU DID NOTHING WRONG.

SFX: BWEEE (SIREN)

DR. SHINA-TOSE PLEASE,

SAVE MOZUKU.

KUNATO-KUN...

THIS YEAR FELT LONGER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME.

WE'VE DETECTED A STRONG GRAVITATIONAL REACTION FROM KANATA!

ITS SHAPE CHANGED DRASTICALLY!

PREPARE FOR EVASIVE ACTION!

BEWARE OF THE GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER!

GRAVITATION WARNING!

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THIS SHIP WILL MAKE AN EMERGENCY ACCELERATION!!

SFX: BWEEEEEEEEEE BWEEEEEEEEEEE

ALL CREWMEMBERS, FASTEN YOURSELVES TO A SAFETY RAIL AND BRACE FOR ACCELERATION!!

IMPOSSIBLE, RECOVERING THIS QUICKLY...

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SASAKI-SAN, THIS SHAPE IS...

SFX: BEEEP BEEEP

SFX: VUVUVUVU

THE GRAVITA-TIONAL REACTION HAS INCREASED!

SFX: KEEEEEEEEEEE

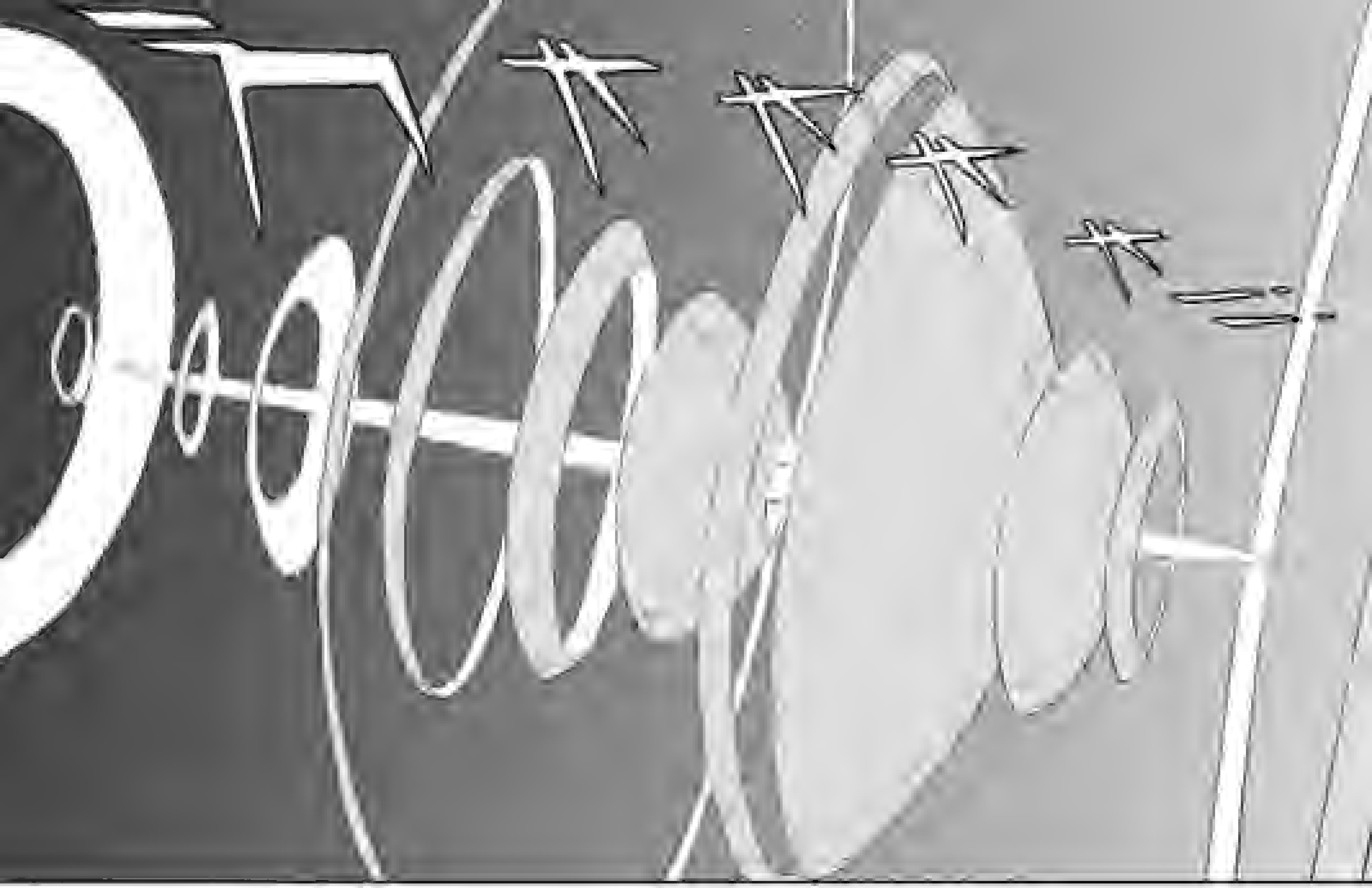
LEM-VIII

2ND CHIMERA KANATA

SIDONIA

LEM-IX

SFX: EEEEEE



KANATA DISAPPE-ARED FROM THE RADAR!!

WHAT HAPPE-NED!?

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KANATA'S SHAPE RESEMBLED THE NEW PROPULSION ENGINE WHICH WE DEVELOPED ALONG WITH TYPE-20!

CAPTAIN!

REX SHINE

THEY BOTH PRODUCE A POWERFUL GRAVITA-TIONAL REACTION!

THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF THE GRAVITATIONAL BEAM EMITTER AND THE PROPULSION ENGINE IS THE SAME...

AND CONVERTING THE DAMAGED BEAM EMITTER INTO ONE WOULD BE EASIER THAN A COMPLETE REPAIR.

IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY. THE ENGINE ITSELF HAS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE DESIGN,

SO KANATA MIGHT HAVE GENERATED A PROPULSION ENGINE INSTEAD OF A GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER?

SFX: VVOM

THIS IS THE LAST IMAGE WE RECEIVED OF KANATA.

BUT WHERE IS IT GOING?

IT'S MOVING!

LEM

THE FIRST ASSAULT FLEET AND CONVERTERS ARE WITHIN THE PREDICTED REGION!

ONE HOUR AT THE FASTEST.

ONE DAY AT THE LATEST...

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR KANATA TO REACH THE FLEET?

PREPARE THE GRAVITATIONAL BEAM EMITTER, TOO, SO WE CAN FIRE AT ANY TIME!

The First assault Fleet

ALL UNITS, PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

SFX: BWEEEEEEE

SFX: WRRRR WRRRR

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KANATA IS COVERED WITH A MEGA-STRUCTURE, RIGHT?

HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY DESTROY THE TRUE BODY!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT IT WILL REACH US IN AN HOUR?!

I HEARD THAT IT GENERATED A NEW PROPULSION ENGINE.

SFX: RUMBLE

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EVEN IF WE USE ALL THE HIGGS PARTICLES IN THE ENTIRE FLEET.

BUT THEY SAY WITHOUT THE CONVERTERS, THE FIRING RANGE WILL BE LESS THAN ONE KILO UNIT.

SFX: CLANG

WE'LL USE THE GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER FOR THAT.

SFX: BEEP

A STRONG HIGGS REACTION IS APPROA-CHING!!

SFX: PIP / PIP PIP / CLICK

I HAVE TO FIND THE WAY TO SHAKE IT OFF AND GET TO THE CONVERTERS FASTER..

JUST A LITTLE MORE...

THE SCALE!?

T-THIS IS NOT A CHIMERA!

IT'S A GAUNA!

A MASS UNION SHIP!!

THE SAME TYPE AS THE ONE THAT ATTACKED THE SECOND ASSAULT FLEET!

BEEP

I-IT'S HUGE!

SFX: VUVU VUVUVU

TEN, FIFTEEN, WITH MORE INCOMING!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...

SFX: VUVU VUVUVU

THE HIGGS REACTIONS ARE INCREASING IN NUMBER!

TWO, THREE, SIX!!

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THE MASS UNION SHIPS ARE APPROACHING THE FIRST ASSAULT FLEET!!

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SFX: WRRRRRRR

WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAVE TO HAPPEN AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE?

DISPATCH THE TYPE-20.

WHAT!?

CAP-TAIN!

A STRONG HIGGS REACTION IS APPROACHING SIDONIA!!!

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SFX: BEEEEEEP BEEEEEEP

SIX MASS UNION SHIPS!

IT EMERGED!

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WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

WE CAN'T HANDLE THEM WITH WHAT LITTLE ARMS ARE LEFT IN SIDONIA...

ABSOLUTE CRISES HAPPENED AT ONCE!!